[Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai]

that supposing there are two or three persons all getting the same number of votes—if lot is drawn the person who gets the lot will be elected.

**President:** Well, that principle has not been right through applied in regard to elections. I know that there are eliminations taking place.

**Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai:** That is for the Deputy President.....

**President:** The whole point is this: I ask Mr. Govindan whether he did make it clear that it would be by choice or by elimination. In the casting of lots two systems are known, that is the elimination of certain persons or the choice of persons. I wanted it to be known how this was done. It is only on that point I have a doubt.

Any other honourable member wishing to speak?

**Mr. G. Madhavan:** Sir, is the election relating to the member, who got a clear majority, also to be conducted again?

**President:** Let me see the voting results.

**Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai:** The point I want to place before you, Sir, is this: in the absence of any statutory provision for the drawing of lots, that is whether the drwing of lots shall be done in a particular way or not we shall be guided under the University Rules as well as the Electoral Rules now prevalent.

**President:** Has any such practice taken place in the past?

**Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai:** No, I am not aware of any.

**Mr. K. S. Joseph:** Sir, when once the President has given a ruling, is it right.....

**President:** I have myself asked for information on the matter.

**Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai:** Sir, I cannot get any ruling from English cases, because there, casting vote is given in the case of the person presiding. So the system is entirely different so far as we are concerned, there is no previous ruling.

## ANSWER TO SHORT NOTICE QUESTION BY MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP.

**President:** There are one or two other matters to which reference may be made. As regards the short notice question, it came rather late and I shall see that an answer is sent to Mr. Narayana Kurup.

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